Import Licences

1824. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1413 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th August, 1993 and furnish a list of import licences granted for imports of Silk fabrics during April, 1993—March, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import Licences for Import of Silk Fabrics

1825. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Qustion 4219 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th August, 1993 and state :

(a) the list of import licences granted for imports of silk fabrics during April 1993—March 1994; and

(b) names of 20 commercial concerns to whom the import licences for imports of Natural Silk Fabrics have been granted during 1993-94 and the value of import licences granted separately to these above 20 top export companies?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Workers in the Industries

1826. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of workers in the industries, industry-wise;

(b) how many of them are skilled and unskilled;

(c) what is the amount of wages paid to the skilled and unskilled workers;

(d) how does it compare with all India wages paid to skilled and unskilled workers; and

(e) whether the wages paid in Bihar are lower and if so, the reasons thereof and measures taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) A Statement is annexed (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both the Central and State Governments are appropriate authorities for fixation and revision of minimum wages in scheduled employments under their respective jurisdiction. According to the information readily available, the range of minimum wages, taking all the States into consideration is from Rs. 23.80 to Rs. 76.40 for skilled and from Rs. 8.00 to Rs. 57.00 for unskilled worker. The range of minimum wages in Bihar is from Rs. 32.50 to Rs. 49.90 for skilled worker and from Rs. 21.00 to Rs. 34.00 for unskilled worker. As recommended by the National Commission on Rural Labour all the State Governments have been advised, to fix minimum wages at the level of Rs. 20 to provide for a component of variable Dearness Allowance linked to Consumer Price Indices and to revise the minimum wages once in every two years, if a component of variable Dearness Allowance is not provided.

Statement

Estimated Average Daily Employment in the Industries Registered under the Factories Act during the year 1992 *is as under :—*

Industry code	Description	Estimated Average Daily Employment (All India)
0.	Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing	2926
1.	Mining and Quarrying	1010
2 & 3.	Manufacturing	8043872
4.	Electricity, Gas and Water	174836
5.	Construction	1000
6.	Wholesale and Retail Trade & Restaurants and Hotels	15642
7.	Transport, Storage and Communication Services	70896
8.	Financial, Insurance, Real Estate and Business Services.	3576
9.	Community, Social and Personal Services	267198
10.	Activities not adequately defined	39381
	TOTAL	8620337

(P) : Provisional.

NOTE : The distribution of workers by skilled and unskilled categories is not available.

SOURCE : Labour Bureau, Shimla.